



ThyssenKrupp Elevator Americas
Fleet Department

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Commissioner Carla Peterman
California Energy Commission
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Dear Commissioner Peterman:

I am writing to urge you to support continued funding for propane vehicle incentives through the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program (ARFVT Program). This program has helped ThyssenKrupp Elevator reduce emissions, lower our dependence on foreign oil and save money through lower fuel costs by replacing 20 vehicles to date to run on propane autogas. We expect to grow the number of propane vehicles in California to over 100 with the help of this program. *We are the largest elevator company in the US, operating 350 vehicles and employing 500 employees in California.*

Through the ARFVT Program, ThyssenKrupp Elevator has taken steps to help improve air quality in Los Angeles and San Diego Propane autogas reduces greenhouse gas emissions by 24 percent, nitrogen oxide emissions by 20 percent, and carbon monoxide emissions by 60 percent when compared to gasoline. The emissions reductions are even more significant when compared to diesel.

The ARFVT Program also helped make a difference in the economic justification for the switch to this cleaner, domestically produced fuel. With the incentive, our company was able to see a positive return on our investment by switching to propane autogas. In the current economic climate, this makes a big difference, and could be the difference between continuing to purchase propane autogas powered vehicles or not.

Commissioner Peterman, while no single alternative fuel can completely displace conventional fuels in the short term, propane autogas offers Californians significant environmental and economic benefits. Please continue funding propane vehicle incentives through the ARFVT Program, and if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me at 954-597-3004.

Sincerely,

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